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NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TELEGRAM

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1. CONGEN QUESTIONS RECOMMENDING BURIAL IN HONG KONG BECAUSE
PERMANENT CEMETARY LOTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE OWING TO SHORTAGE
OF SPACE. EXHUMATION IS COMPULSORY AFTER 6 YEARS AND REMAINS
PLACED IN OSSUARY. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND CREMATION WITH ASHES
DISPOSED OF LOCALLY OR SENT TO U.S. OR RETURN OF REMAINS.

2. WE PROPOSE PARAGRAPH 3 OF HONG KONG MESSAGE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE WE STAND READY TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN. IT IS
UNFORTUNATE AT THIS SAD TIME THAT WE MUST ALSO IMMEDIATELY CALL
YOUR ATTENTION TO THE URGENT NEED FOR MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
HONG KONG LAW REQUIRES A DECISION REGARDING DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
WITHIN 7 REPEAT 7 DAYS. IF YOU DECIDE TO HAVE YOUR SPACE (RELATION-
SHIP) BURIED IN HONG KONG, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT NO REPEAT NO
PERMANENT CEMETARY LOTS ARE AVAILABLE HONG KONG BECAUSE OF LAND
SHORTAGE. EXHUMATION IS COMPULSORY AFTER 6 REPEAT 6 YEARS AND
REMAINS PLACED IN RECEPTACLE. MOST AMERICANS WHO DIE IN HONG
KONG ARE CREMATED OR EMBALMED AND THE REMAINS RETURNED TO
THE UNITED STATES. IRRESPECTIVE OF YOUR DECISION, THE CONSULATE
GENERAL WILL BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO YOUR WISHES. UNQUOTE.
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